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In re Application of:
Simon Bowie-Britton
Application No. 10/779,934
Filed: February 17, 2004
For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR
MANAGING SUCCESSFUL
COMPLETION OF A NETWORK OF
PROCESSES

DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition, filed on 17 February 2004, under 37 C.F.R. §102(d) and M.P.E.P. § 708.02(VIII): Accelerated Examination, to make the above-identified application special.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section VIII which sets out the prerequisites for a grantable petition for Accelerated Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 102(d) states in relevant part:

A new application (one which has not received any examination by the examiner) may be granted special status provided that applicant (and this term includes applicant's attorney or agent) complies with each of the following items:

- (A) Submits a petition to make special accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(h);
- (B) Presents all claims are directed to a single invention, or if the Office determines that all the claims presented are not obviously directed to a single invention, will make an election without traverse as a prerequisite to the grant of special status;
- (C) Submits a statement(s) that a pre-examination search was made, listing the field of search by class and subclass, publication, Chemical Abstracts, foreign patents, etc. A search made by a foreign patent office satisfies this requirement if the claims in the corresponding foreign application are of the same or similar scope to the claims in the U.S. application for which special status is requested;
- (D) Submits one copy each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims if said references are not already of record; and

(E) Submits a detailed discussion of the references, which discussion points out, with the particularity required by 37 CFR §§ 1.111 (b) and (c), how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references.

In those instances where the request for this special status does not meet all the prerequisites set forth above, applicant will be notified and the defects in the request will be stated. The application will remain in the status of a new application awaiting action in its regular turn. In those instances where a request is defective in one or more respects, applicant will be given one opportunity to perfect the request in a renewed petition to make special. If perfected, the request will then be granted. If not perfected in the first renewed petition, any additional renewed petitions to make special may or may not be considered at the discretion of the Technology Center Special Program Examiner.

Applicant's submission filed 17 February 2004 fails to adequately meet the requirements of section (e) as set forth above. Responsive to requirement (e), applicant must provide a "**detailed discussion of the references**, which discussion points out, with the particularly requirement by 37 CFR § 1.111(b) and (c), how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references." Petitioner should ensure that the above discussion is directed to how the language of each of the **independent claims** is specifically distinguishable and patentable from the references provided pursuant to requirement (e) supra.

Accordingly, the petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration or a renewed petition to make special to perfect the aforementioned defects must be filed within two months of the mailing date of this decision.

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